

Easy Steps to Planning a Country Home

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Many people who do not farm like living in the country. They think it's a good place for a growing family and they enjoy having a feeling of open space. Often they keep dogs or horses or other animals.

These special features of country living need to be considered when you're planning a home. For example, if you have cattle, arrange things so that the prevailing wind doesn't bring odors to the house. Make sure drainage from the animal area flows away from the house rather than toward it. Locate animal buildings where they don't clutter the best view from the house.

In the country, you'll need to plan a parking area for visitors' cars. It should be handy to the front entrance of the house. It's also convenient to have a service yard where you can bring feed and equipment for animals.

Sports such as swimming or tennis can be a part of country life. They'll be more fun if the house and the whole plot are arranged so that it's easy to get from place to place. An outdoor barbecue area should be located so that you can get back and forth from the kitchen.

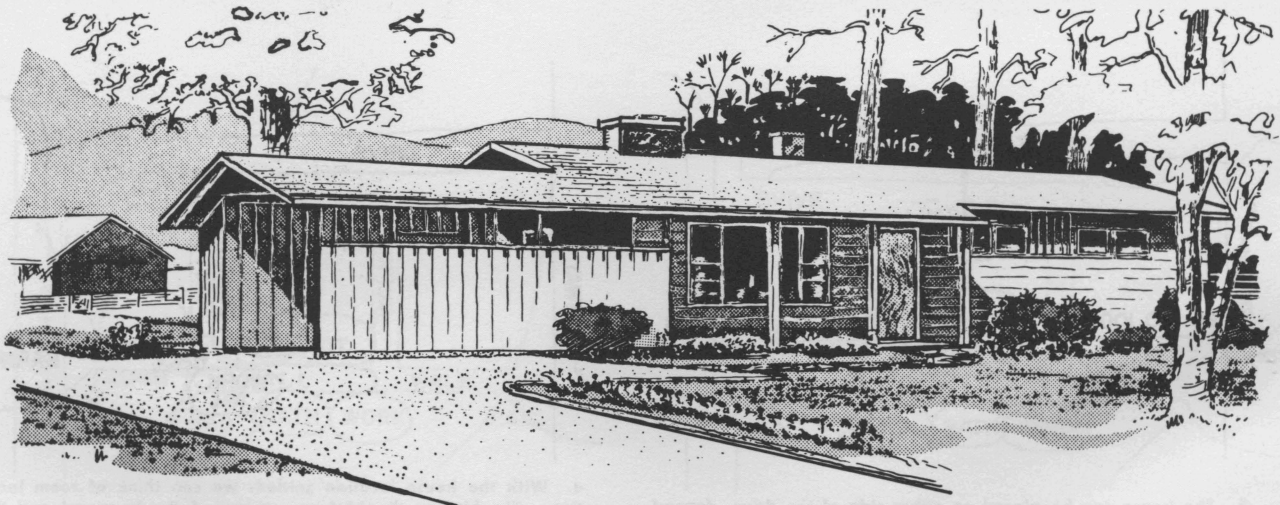
Before selecting your house plan, know where it will be placed and how it will face. When you intend to remodel, keep the old house and its location out of mind until you decide the best location and the best arrangement.

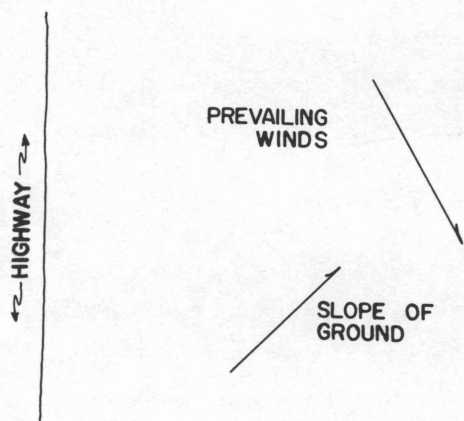
DO THINGS IN THEIR PROPER ORDER

1. Start with your farmstead as it is.
2. Find the best location for the farmhouse.
3. Fit the farmhouse to the farmstead.

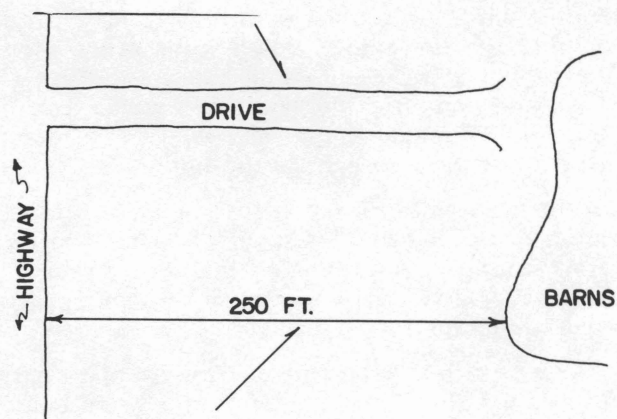
PUT THESE THINGS ON PAPER

1. Draw the highway.
2. Indicate the path of prevailing winds.
3. Show how the ground slopes.
4. Locate the other farm buildings.
5. Now you are ready to place the drive.
6. You can locate the house after these things are known.

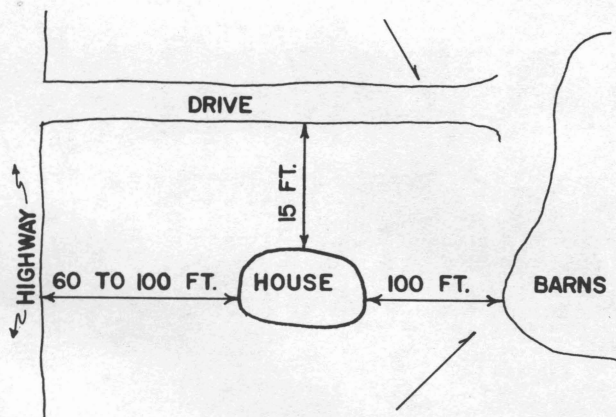




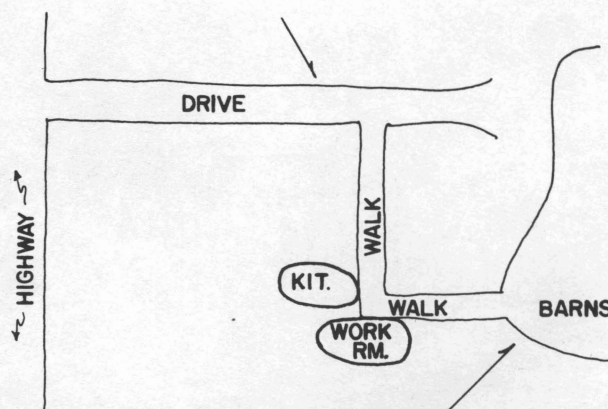
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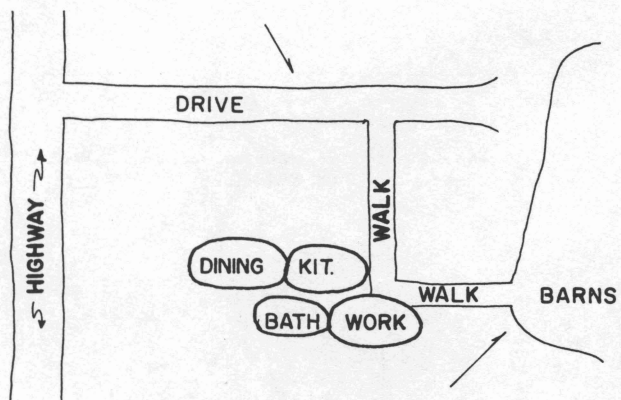
2. Locate the barn area and the drive. Generally, the drive should be at a lower level than the house.



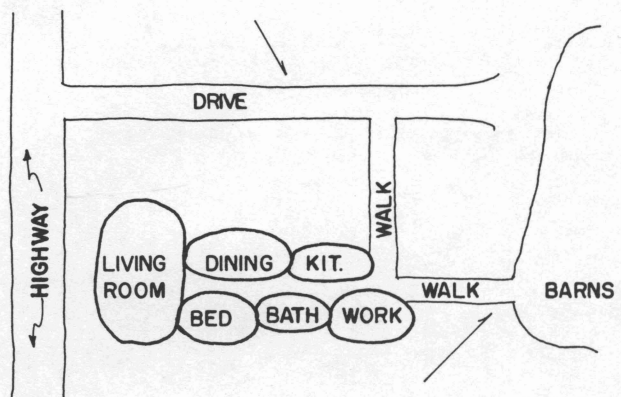
3. The house can be placed on either side of the drive, depending on steepness of slope and drainage.



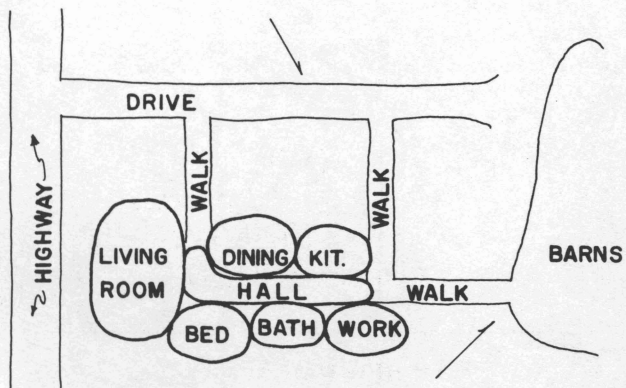
4. With the house location settled, we can think of room location. The kitchen should have a view of the barnyard and the drive. Work room should be nearer the barn than the kitchen.



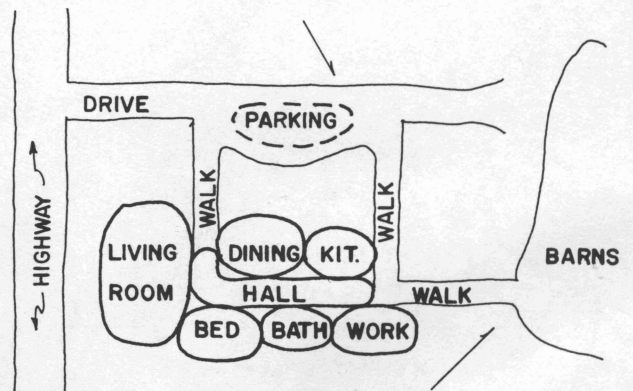
5. Dining area near the kitchen. Washroom near rear door and bedroom.



6. Living room nearest the highway. Bedrooms to quiet part of the house.

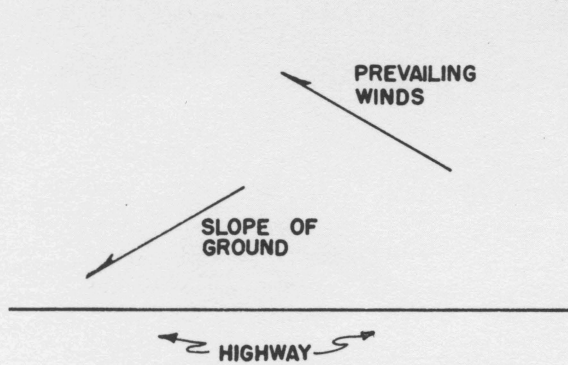


7. A hall leading to all rooms makes the house easy to use.

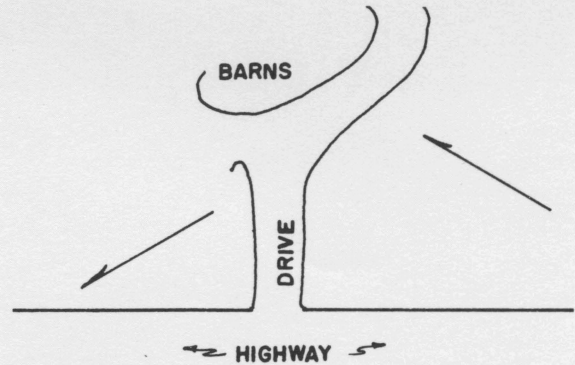


8. Provide a good parking place near the front door.

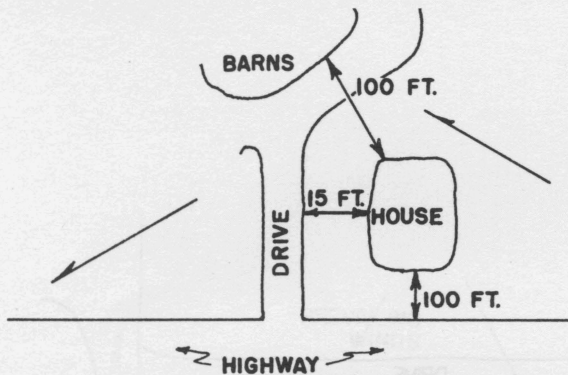
Let's try an entirely different farmstead, since no two are exactly alike. The principles, however, still apply.



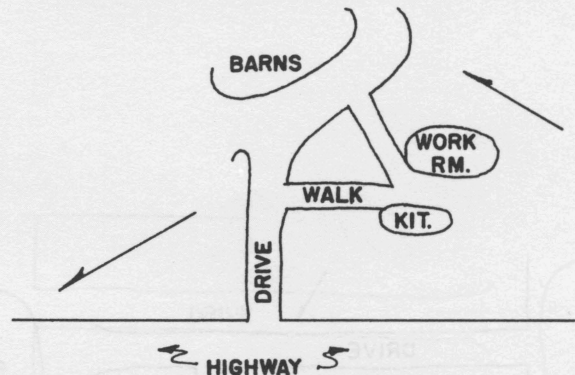
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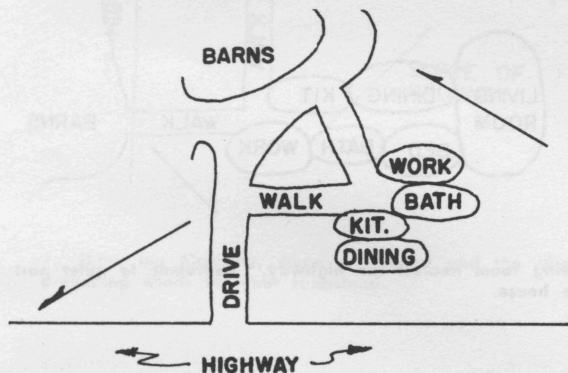
2. Locate the barn area and drive. Drive should be lower than house.



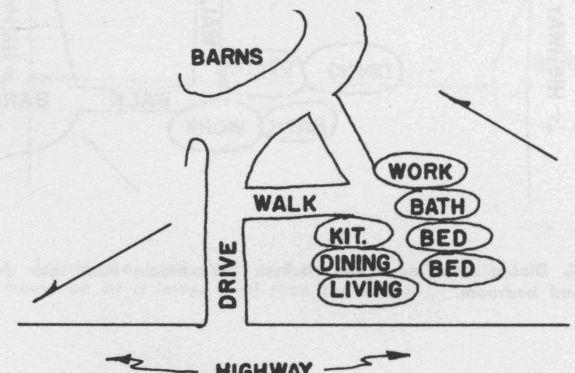
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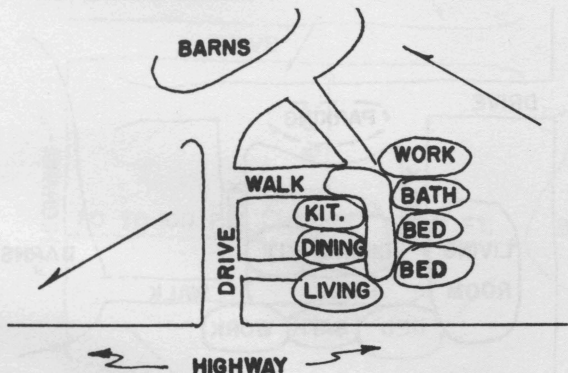
4. Kitchen with view of barnyard and drive. Work room closer to barn than kitchen.



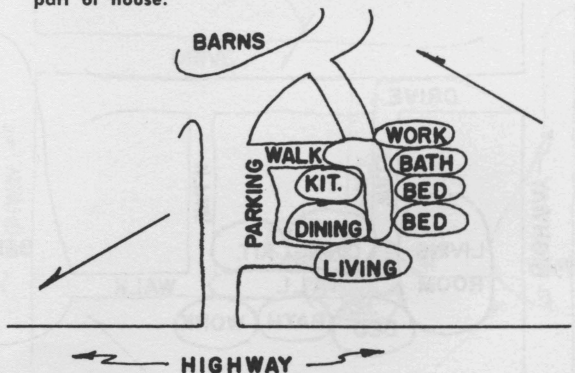
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